

## **PRESIDENT REVIEWS 4,000 HUNTER WAVES**

Driven indoors by the pouring rain, President Roosevelt's inspection of the Women's Reserve Naval Training School was held at the Eighth Regiment Armory, where he was greeted with all the ceremonies and honors reserved for the Commander in Chief.

His open car turned from Kingsbridge Road in the Bronx through a street lined by 5,000 cheering, whistling people, and through the armory's west gate, where he was welcomed by the opening bars of "Hail to the Chief."

At 12:43, the President's car appeared on the armory floor. He toured the four-block area, passing 4,000 Wave trainees standing rigidly at attention, and waving and smiling at the 2,000 cheering spectators who packed the public south balcony. On the north side were 1680 new Wave recruits not in uniform.

With the President were Mayor La Guardia and Capt. William F. Amsden, commanding officer of the school, who "came aboard" at the west gate.

On the school grounds nearby, the Commander in Chief's blue and white eagle flag broke above Davis Hall and remained aloft during his visit.

The President's car wove in and out of the two regiments of Waves, who had been waiting patiently for his appearance since 11 A. M. During his twenty-one-minute inspection, he paused briefly to greet the school's senior officers and three regimental commanders.

In the official welcoming ceremony, the President was "piped aboard" the USS Hunter by the boatswain, Martha Tarkington, specialist first class, while eight Wave sideboys stood at attention.

Again the Navy band played "Hail to the Chief" and the President's car left the building. The two Wave regiments then joined in a regimental review and left the armory singing "Anchors Aweigh."